

Minutes
Town of Oshkosh

Town Board Meeting – SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall

PRESENT: Chairman Gerald Frey, Supervisor Carol Kaufmann, Supervisor Jim Erdman, Treasurer Maribeth Gabert, Clerk Jeannette Merten and audience of 7.

Chairman Frey called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION BY ERDMAN, KAUFMANN SECONDED, TO APPROVE MINUTES DATED AUGUST 23, 2010 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL. KAUFMANN, YES; ERDMAN, YES; FREY, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Participation:

Deb and Martin Cowie, 5162 Island View Drive, were in attendance to defend Maureen Thorfinson's claim complaining about their dog, Wolfie. Mrs. Cowie read their recorded reply. There was a letter received from the Fox Valley Humane Association to defend Wolfie's behavior claiming he is normal. Maureen Thorfinson was also in attendance to speak about the evidence she collected. The barking happens when people, vehicles or boat pass by. Thorfinson is not claiming that the dog barks consistently, without stopping or breaks in the barking, for long periods. It was a digitized voice recording of the dog barking. The recording was not played in public. Chairman Frey has reservations about the strength of the evidence, should a citation go to court. He wants to talk to the two people Thorfinson said would back up her complaint of whether they would be willing to go to court. Frey asked to have this topic on the next meeting agenda.

Officer Ripple with the Winnebago Co Sheriff was in attendance.

Planning and Zoning:

Building Inspector report.

Dave Frank, Town Building Inspector, was not in attendance, he was on vacation.

Conditional Use Permit request of Grundy Quarry.

Town of Oshkosh Planning and Zoning will meet Monday September 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Board agreed to invite town attorney to the hearing.

P&Z Land Use Plan Amendments by Winnebago County.

Erdman wants time to investigate and talk to Jerry Bougie the proposed amendments because there appears to be some changes that he was to the understanding would be included.

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- **Unfinished Business.**

Fireworks City, exceptions/exclusions to their fireworks permit and/or modify the town fireworks ordinance.

Nader was in attendance to talk about options on changes to the ordinance. Discussion included a radius verses a population limit when issuing fireworks permits. Topic will be further discussed at the next town board meeting.

- **New Business.**

Compliant regarding 5081 Tamarack Trail property condition.

Gary Bunke, 5049 Tamarack Trail, made the complaint of the condition of property at 5081 Tamarack Trail. Bunke brought in photos. Property is owned by Dave Kossell. Dave does live there, it is not abandoned. Supervisor Kaufmann offered to talk to Dave Kossell about what can be done.

Approve Snow Removal Commercial Contract for 2010-2011 with Cloverleaf Landscaping & Retail Center.

MOTION MADE BY ERDMAN, KAUFMANN SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE SNOW REMOVAL COMMERCIAL CONTRACT FOR 2010-2011 WITH CLOVERLEAF LANDSCAPING & RETAIL CENTER. ROLL CALL. KAUFMANN, YES; ERDMAN, YES; FREY, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Operator License applicants of Ashley Wright, Don Herman, Lana Kroll, Crystal Mulvey, Dawn Kaufmann, Amy Mueller, Casie Lamp, Kyle Schwanz, Audrey Cramer, Kathy Zimdars and Jeremy Fell.

MOTION MADE BY ERDMAN, FREY SECONDED , TO APPROVE THE OPERATION LICENSE APPLICANTS OF ASHLEY WRIGHT, DON HERMAN, LANA KROLL, CRYSTAL MULVERY, DAWN KAUFMANN, AMY MUELLER, CASIE LAMP, KYLE SCHWANZ, AUDREY CRAMER, KATHY ZIMDARS AND JEREMY FELL. ROLL CALL. FREY, YES; KAUFMANN, YES; ERDMAN, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Authorize Town Clerk and Town Attorney to initiate the vacation of the east end (entrance) to Norton Avenue.

MOTION MADE BY FREY, KAUFMANN SECONDED, TO AUTHORIZED TOWN CLERK AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO INITIATE AND VACATION OF THE EAST END (ENTRANCE) TO NORTON AVENUE. ROLL CALL. KAUFMANN, YES; ERDMAN, YES; FREY, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Town Ordinance Amendment; dogs/animals, section 7-1-6 C and dog license application amendment for dogs.

Supervisor Kaufmann will bring in suggestion of changes to the next town board meeting. Decision was postponed until the September 27, 2010 meeting.

- **Forthcoming Events of public interest.**

Frey was reminded about the weeds to be cut at Nate's One More.

Supervisor Erdman reported that he was at the Farmland Preservation meeting in Omro and reported on that meeting.

Chairman Frey will meet with Darryn Burch, City of Oshkosh, to see about creating a quiet zone from train whistles.

Chairman Frey will be talking to Mark Conradt about options for the culvert for bridge on Killdeer Lane.

• **Correspondence:**

1. Charter; cable information update.
2. East Central; Seeking comments on Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organization, Environmental Mitigation Chapter, and Long Range Transportation Plan.
3. DOT; Local Public Agency Real Estate Seminar 2010, Right of Way Issues for Local Highway and Street Projects.
4. Public Service Commission of WI; Authority to building and operate a 50 MW, Biomass-fired Cogeneration Facility in Village of Rothschild.
5. City of Oshkosh; Ordinance adopting the Harra Annexation.
6. DOT; Miles of Public Highway Open and Used for Travel as of Jan 1, 2011.
7. Public Service Commission of WI; Wind Siting Rules.
8. East Central; Post-Disaster Economic Recovery Strategy.
9. Winnebago Co LWCD; Land and Water Resource Management Plan.
10. Republican Party absentee ballot information request.
11. Winnebago Towns Association Unit Meeting agenda and minutes.
12. Winnebago Zoning; Board of Adjustment time change notice.
13. Fox Valley Humane Assoc, regarding dog owned by Mr. and Mrs. Cowie.
14. WI Dept. of Commerce; conditional approval of Valley Pest Control.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS PRESENTED BY ERDMAN, KAUFMANN
SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY ERDMAN, SECONDED BY KAUFMANN, TO ADJOURN.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Jeannette Merten
Town of Oshkosh Clerk